

Senator Sieck just adopted this amendment overwhelmingly. Senator Vickers is trying to strike it. I consider it dilatory. I don't think there is any basis for it. Clearly when he talks about the distinction between agriculture and the other businesses, I think we have to keep in mind a corporate farm amendment that was adopted. The people of the state recognized, they felt it was a different situation when you deal with farm activities, farm enterprises, and that some restrictions in that area were legitimate because of the concerns that we have for that area. And so what Senator Sieck did and what the committee did I think is in keeping with that philosophy and we ought to continue that. I oppose the Vickers amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner. Keep the conversation level down, please. (Gavel.) Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Vickers amendment. I think a little while ago this body voted to adopt the Sieck amendment to the committee amendment, and I think they voiced their opinion at this time. I think the people of Nebraska also voiced their opinion when they passed the constitutional amendment during the last election. I don't think the people of Nebraska want to see all these large feedlots and the reason they don't want to see them is because it takes a lot of this production away from the family farm. I think the people of Nebraska want to try and preserve the family farm rather than destroy it, and so, therefore, I would ask you to oppose this amendment. I might also say that during the committee hearing this was brought out and I think that most of the committee members felt the same way and so I would urge you to defeat the Vickers amendment and go ahead and adopt the committee amendment as amended by the Sieck amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to interrupt the debate to announce that Senator VonMinden has guests and he is with them right now up in the north balcony, 30 Ninth Grade students from Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska, with Mark Foreman and Rick Dalrymple, teachers. We welcome you to the Legislature. The motion before the House is the Vickers amendment to the committee amendments. The Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, I never quite understood why we did the Sieck amendment the first time. If we are